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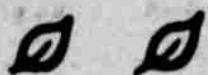
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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

SAYS MEMBERS OF COMMISSION-
ERS COURT DREW MONEY
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COUNTY SOUND FINANCIALLY

Total Bonded Indebtedness of County
Only Twenty Eight Thousand
Dollars.

To the Hon. J. C. Scott, District Judge
Brazos, County, Texas:

We, your finance committee, duly
appointed by you in accordance with
the laws, beg leave to make the fol-
lowing report, to wit:

1. We find that the books of the
Tax Collector's office are properly and
neatly kept in a systematic manner.
That all monies due the county and
collected by him have been paid to
the county treasurer, and receipts tak-
en for same, which receipts are on
file in collector's office. We find in
this office a large delinquent tax list,
but more especially of delinquent polls.
We recommend that proper officials
take steps at once to collect same as
the law directs.

2. We find that the books of the
County Treasurer are kept in a neat
and systematic manner and are regu-
larly posted and balanced quarterly
and report of same filed with the com-
missioners court; except that we find
these reports have not been sworn to
as is required by law.

We find the following balances of
money on hand on February 14, 1910.
Jury Fund \$ 3,248.89
Sinking Fund 4,847.12
Public Building Fund 5,169.83
Third Class Fund 14,977.01
Road and Bridge Fund 4,983.77
Poll Tax Fund 437.87

Making a total of \$33,664.49

We find that the above amount was
on deposit to the credit of the County
Treasurer in banks as follows:

In City National Bank \$16,781.18
In First National Bank \$16,883.31

Making a total of \$33,664.49

We have checked up the Treasurer's
available school fund to September 1st.

1909, and find same correct, showing
balance of \$5591.31 and which amount
was turned over to the County Depos-
itory under the new law and receipt
taken therefor. We further find that
during the years of 1907, 1908 and
1909, that the treasurer collected in
commissions over and above the
amount allowed him by law, the total
amount of \$1900.75. This amount was
promptly paid back into the county
treasury as soon as the treasurer's
attention was called to same and this
amount is included in the above bal-
ances.

3. We find that with the excep-
tions of a few minor errors in book-
keeping, the accounts of the sheriff's
office are correct. But that the re-
ports of this officer are not sworn to
as is required by law.

4. The Financial ledger of the
county kept by the county clerk, has
been kept as nearly as possible in a
good condition. Except that there is
no regular ledger account being kept
with the county judge, county clerk
or any of the members of the com-
missioners court.

The county clerk has made no re-
port to the Commissioners court at
their regular terms of the financial
condition of the county, as is requir-
ed by law. See Art. No. 824 A-Rs.
Also that he has failed to publish an-
nually after the first regular term of
the commissioners court in each year
an exhibit as required by law. See
Art. No. 824, B. Rs.

5. We find that the commissioners
court have not published the re-
port of receipts and disbursements at
each regular meeting as required by
law. See Art. No. 276, Criminal Code.
This law should be complied with.

The members of the commissioners
court have been drawing monies from
the county for services for which we
find no provision in law. We believe
the members of the commissioners
court are entitled to the following com-
pensation for services rendered to wit:

Three dollars per day for each regu-
lar meeting during the year. To be
four regular meetings in each year, the
session of each meeting not to exceed
six days. Also the same compensa-
tion for, not to exceed one called
meeting per month, and not to ex-
ceed ten (10) days in any one year at
the rate of three dollars per day for
the inspection of roads, etc. As above
stated we have defined what we be-
lieve under the law, the compensation

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that the commissioners are entitled to
for services. To ascertain the
amounts collected from the county by
the members of the commissioners
court in excess of what we believe
them to be entitled to under the law
would take a considerable amount of
time, there being no regular ledger
account of these officers in the county
financial ledger. But we think these
amounts in question should be deter-
mined by the next finance committee
and same refunded to the county.
This practice we believe extends back
a number of years. The commission-
ers court, do not seem to require all
officers of the county to make their
regular reports. The records of the
county do not show that the claims
against the county are first approved
by the commissioners court and then
paid, but on the contrary, are just paid
by an o. k. of the county judge and
afterwards approved by the commis-
sioners court.

Under the law each commissioner
is required to make an annual report
under oath in regard to the condition
of the roads, amounts of monies in
the hands of road overseers, etc, and
which report is required to be spread
upon the minutes of the commission-
ers court. We fail to find these re-
ports spread upon the minutes.

6. We find that the various Jus-
tice of the Peace books are cor-
rect with the exception of a few small
errors which we had the officers cor-
rect at the time and balance his
books.

7. The permanent school fund has
to its credit in City and county bonds
to the amount of \$64,000.00.

8. That the total indebtedness of
the county is as follows:

Court House and Road	
Bridge Refunding Bonds	\$36,000.00
Special Road and Bridge	
Bonds	2,000.00
Total outstanding bonds	\$38,000.00
There is in the sinking fund:	
Cash	\$4,847.12
Bonds	\$5,000.00
Making total of	\$9,847.12

Making total indebtedness of \$23,152.88.

All of which is respectfully submi-
tted.

H. A. BURGER, Chairman.
L. L. McINNIS,
J. H. MAWHINNEY,

Finance Committee.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 29th day of April, 1910.

W. P. BRYAN,

Notary Public Brazos County.